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## March 2, The High Cost of Free Parking



**FEATURING:** Donald Shoup, Professor of  
Urban Planning, UCLA

Thursday, March 2, 2006

6:30-8:30 p.m.

UW Architecture Hall, Room 147

Free event; no registration required

### ABOUT THE EVENT

Guest speaker Donald Shoup will argue that the average parking space costs more than the average car. He asserts that when we shop, dine out, or see a movie, we pay indi-

rectly for parking because its cost is included in the price of everything from hamburgers to housing. Shoup will demonstrate that free parking has other costs: it distorts transportation choices, warps urban form, and degrades the environment. Shoup estimates that (1) if all U.S. parking spaces were combined into one surface lot, it would be the size of Connecticut; and (2) every year we spend as much to subsidize off-street parking as we spend for Medicare or national defense.

### ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Shoup teaches courses on transportation, land use, public finance, and urban economics and has served both as Chair of the UCLA Department of Urban Planning and as Director of the Institute of Transportation Studies. His recent research has centered on parking as a key link between land use and transportation. Shoup's book, *The High Cost of Free Parking*, was published by the American Planning Association in 2005.

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